

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN STEVE VICK**, on **January 27, 1999** at
8:05 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Vick, Chairman (R)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Arnie Mohl, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Branch
Mary LaFond, OBPP
Linsey Mortensen, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): Data Information Systems

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Herbert, administrator of information systems for the
Department of Administration, talked about Montana's IT
Enterprise, IT Governance, and the Montana Public Safety
Communications System. **EXHIBIT(jih21a01)**

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked about the LATA boundaries within the state, and if there is a cross over like with the phone systems.. Mr. Herbert replied that the LATA boundaries were established by the FCC. It does make a difference in who they work with.

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SEN. MAHLUM asked about the LATA up by Libby. Mr. Herbert replied that the Libby area actually gets its lines from Washington through Idaho.

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REP. FISHER asked what their total budget of the whole information system. Mr. Herbert replied that the expenditures for FY 98 were \$71,889,390. REP. FISHER asked if the University System plays a part in the system. Mr. Herbert replied that the University is not included in the statewide budget. They do use some of the states networks. REP. FISHER asked how much would it cost if we were to privatize the states communications. Mr. Herbert replied that to privatize the management of the system it would not be as efficient.

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REP. MAHLUM asked what the income was from other agencies for the services the department provide. Mr. Herbert stated that the Information Services Divisions' revenue is about equal to its expenditures.

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SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked if they were looking to work with other states to purchase the equipment. Mr. Herbert replied that they have had meetings about a Western Cooperative Purchasing Agreement led by New Mexico for the purchase of PCs. It will help with the reduction of price.

(COMMENTS BY SEN. CHRISTIAENS)

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REP. FISHER asked how the department derives its budget and what a LATA is. Mr. Herbert replied they do bill for services just like the phone companies, and LATA stands for Local Access Transport Area.

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SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked if long-range building was looking at a bond project for the system. **Jane Hammond**, Office of Budget and Program Planning, state that they are looking for a bond project for the Department of Revenue only.

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JUDICIARY

Pat Chenovick, administrator for the Supreme Court, stated where computers are located, how the Judicial division integrates with other departments, and what programs are used in the Judicial system.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN VICK asked where the sharing of information with other departments level is. **Mr. Chenovick** replied that they currently have in place an exchange of child support information, and have made modifications on the sentencing information. They will need to put in place the transfer of disposition information on traffic. **CHAIRMAN VICK** asked if there will be a restitution payment program on the system. **Mr. Chenovick** replied that they will have program so they may check on an individual at a given time to see if they are behind on payments. He stated that if their funding was restored it would be up by July of this year.

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Discussion by **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** and **Mr. Chenovick**

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Dean Smail, automation unit supervisor for the Department of Corrections, gave an overview of the last biennium. He stated the development of a data system, what other agencies they work with, and what programs they think are vital. **EXHIBIT(jih21a02)**

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. VICK stated a scenario and asked for an application of the system to that scenario. **Mr. Smail** explained the process, and stated that today it would take longer to get the information than it would after they got the new system going.

(Discussion on getting information from the new data system)

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Discussion and questions by committee members about the system and what information will be available.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Art Pembroke, administrator of the Justice Information Services Division, gave an overview of their system and what their initiatives are. **EXHIBIT(jih21a03)** **EXHIBIT(jih21a04)**

Overview of what agencies use what systems. **EXHIBIT(jih21a05)**
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked how many systems are used when a someone gets stopped by the Highway Patrol. **Mr. Pembroke** explained the process and systems used by the Highway Patrol. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked who would have access to the records. **Mr. Pembroke** stated that access to the information network is very secure. Only the people that they have checked out and trained are able to access it.

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Questions from committee members about access to files and who can get them. Also, questions on the cooperation between agencies, the CJIS program, and the buying of equipment.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. STEVE VICK, Chairman

LINSEY MORTENSEN, Secretary

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